Shiwiar language

Shiwiar, also known as **Achuar**, *Jivaro*, *Maina*, is a Jivaroan language spoken along the Pastaza and Bobonaza rivers in Ecuador.

Contents

Achuar	
Shiwiar	
Native to	Peru, Ecuador
Ethnicity	Achuar people, Shiwiar
Native speakers	(undated figure of 3,000–3,500 in Peru)[1] 4,000 in Ecuador (2007)[2]
Language family	Jivaroan **Achuar**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	acu
Glottolog	achu1248 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/achu1248)[3]

Phonology

Consonant phonemes[4]

	Bilabial	Alveolar	Postalveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Nasal	m	n			ŋ	
Stop	p	t			k	ʔ
Affricate		ts	tʃ			
Fricative		s	ʃ		x	
Approximant				j	w	
Tap		ɾ				

Vowel phonemes[4]

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i ĩ iː		u ũ uː
Close-mid		ə ə̃ əː[5]	
Open		a ã aː	

- /i/ and /u/ have slightly lowered allophones [ɪ] and [ʊ], respectively.[6]
- /a, ã, aː/ are phonetically central [a̠, ã̠, a̠ː].[6]

- /a, ã/ (but not the long /aː/) have the following allophones: open central unrounded [a̠, ã̠], open-mid front unrounded [ɛ, ɛ̃], close-mid front unrounded [e, ẽ] and close-mid back rounded [o, õ].[6]

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- The Shiwiar Rainforest Initiative (http://www.shiwiar.org)
- Achuar–Shiwiar on Native Languages of the Americas (http://www.native-languages.org/achuar.htm)
- Listen to a sample of Achuar-Shiwiar from Global Recordings Network (http://globalrecordings.net/langcode/acu)

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